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From The Pastor's Desk

He has Risen! –This Is the Easter Message summed up in three words. Christians have been referred to as 'Easter people'. No matter what our spiritual journey has been, the season of Easter gives us all the opportunity each year to renew our commitment. The church's return to normalcy is itself the Easter joy. The two years of the pandemic was a death-defying experience to many and now we are risen to move ahead with the power of the Lord. During these trying times, our Salvation community thrived. On Ash Wednesday, the faithful gathered in large numbers, bringing with them the sense of a new beginning and immense optimism for the future.

The parish feast celebration during the first week of February led to a gradual opening to various church activities and events like the first holy communion and confirmation. Now, practically the church has returned to normalcy. As we return let us not forget that it was this

'normal', a life of self-centeredness, a life of selfishness that led us to the lockdown predicament. Genuine brotherhood is an appropriate response to the challenges posed by Covid-19.

In the words of Pope Francis "time has come to break totally with personal interests and cultural barriers, fixed ideological beliefs, and to work assiduously for religious freedom."

As we begin anew, we need to remind ourselves of the need to intensify efforts towards building up the Church as a Family. The true spirit of the church to come into existence demands responsible leadership, within and outside the church. The church survived during the covid times although facing all odds due to the strong spiritual leaders in the community. The future growth of our parish church will chiefly depend on these selfless leaders moving towards the





formation of Clusters. Bishop Bosco the pioneer in building small Christian communities reiterated strongly in the recent examiner "For Bombay to have synodology, we have to go to the next level of SCCs, which is the break-up of each community into clusters of ten families. This had been proposed several years ago, and is being constantly emphasised by the current Director of the SCCs, Bishop Barthol Barretto, but it has not been systematically and consistently worked" "Once this breathing area was made available, a number of cells and communities sprung to life. Now there is no looking back, we - move ahead with vigour as bearers of the message of renewal leaving behind all the unpleasant experiences. The gathering of all the core team members, animators under the guidance of Bishop Barthol on 20th March was like a booster dose. The gathering gave all those associated with building communities in our parish a chance to know one another. Meetings of the parish council, steering committee, and core group members are being planned for our parish community. Altar servers were back on the altar. Children and young youth are slowly and steadily making themselves comfortable in the church activities. The choir, lectors and eucharistic ministers are all back to participate in the Liturgy. During the season of Advent, the family were overjoyed to receive the wreath in the family and for community prayer and now during the season of Lent, the Lenten CROSS moved from one house to another bringing new strength to move towards Easter Joy.

Presently the universal church is in process of deep reflection as we all join the synodal journey. A number of sessions have taken place to invite the faithful to be part of this journey. Various groups in the parish are being encouraged to host 'spiritual conversations' so people can contribute

their voice to the Synod 2021-2023. We encourage all our parishioners to consider this journey important for the renewal of the universal church by giving their feedback. Where ever possible and in whatever capacity each parishioner is urged to get involved in the discussion. A synod that is unique in its own way would be an opportune time for people to talk, to share, to dream, to complain, and to heal. In this renewal and a new beginning, No one has to be left out.

Through the medical outreach programme and community organisation, our parish community reaches out to many in need and makes its presence felt. It still has a long way to go in terms of resolving numerous family difficulties involving alcoholism, property disputes, family separation, and geographical constraints. Every parishioner demonstrates their deeper link with the church not only by attending the Sunday Eucharist but also by attending the cluster gathering, visiting the ill and needy of all faiths, donating to the community building fund, getting involved in ups and down in the happening of the parish. The Salvation community can't effort to lie low and wait, the mission is to keep moving forward.

Jesus who was crucified has risen. This event gives us hope that does not disappoint. Let this coming day of Easter bring new vitality in the life of many around. Even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!" Enjoy the season; keep the faith in the Victory of the Lord over sin and death. Give thanks and praise to the Lord as you keep the church on Earth, moving towards victory.

Fr. Calistus Fernandes
Parish Priest

Salutsav 2022

For parishioners of Salvation Church, Dadar, The Parish Feast is an event to look forward to every year. This year, the Salutsav 2022 was no different, despite being unable to meet up for the event on a large scale in person thanks to the Covid-19 situation. Salutsav 2022 was well received by our parishioners, as approximately 175 participants took part across all the categories, from young to the young at heart.

What was heartening was the fact that one could see all enthusiasm in each and every event that took place, whether it was offline or online. The huge success of the event indeed going out to the Parish Fathers, Board of Management and Salutsav Volunteers team that put this event together from scratch in barely a month at hand. Indeed, God does work wonders where there is a common objective of coming together and glorifying His name through us, His instruments.

To begin with, we had a colouring, kite-making and best out of waste competition for the kiddies of our parish. Little hands and imaginative minds came together in a creative burst of energy during the coloring and best out of waste competition. Each item prepared by the contestants were a testimony of God creating us uniquely, as no single item was repeated by another contestant. The values like preservation, recycling, conservation, reduction, reuse, etc are imbibed on the young heart and minds by demonstrating this noble act of caring for our environment. Indeed,

was wonderful seeing the creativity of our kiddies being displayed at such a scale.

The photography competition showcased the incredible talent of the avid photographers in the parish as the photographs captured awoke our imagination, transforming our way of thinking, or simply resonated with who they are. Simply put, the photography contest unleashed their creativity.

Housie, everyone's all-time favorite anytime, was enjoyed by one and all.

The Salad making competition was a visual treat and our parishioners revealed their creativity and innovation with their simplest of ingredients. The participants showed us how healthy food can be made interesting and appetizing through interesting designs and patterns.

At the fancy dress competition, once again, the kiddies of the parish really got together depicting various personalities and dignitaries of the past and today's times, displaying beautiful outfits. Each participant conveying a telling message that speaks of the budding talent in our youngster's minds in our parish. One dressing up as former India Captain MS Dhoni, another as a vaccine, another as the Covid-19 virus, and then another as a policeman. God has certainly blessed our youth with creativity, wisdom and knowledge. Truly proud of our kiddies, and kudos to the parents for being so encouraging and helping in this.





Every fete is incomplete without the singing and energetic dance troupes from our parish livening up the mood with some amazing numbers, bringing forward their Talent, dedication, perseverance in highlighting their passion. There was no doubting our parishioner's tremendous talent, as the songs sung and danced to by the participants brought back memories of so many numbers that we so love very much even to this day. We may have forgotten these songs, but hearing them again was much appreciated. Across various artistes and genres, the bar has indeed been seen set high for the future contestants to come. Kudos and hats off at their courage to make it on the big stage even at such a young age.

The singing contest began with a minute's silence and a tribute by a parishioner to the Late Lata Mangeshkar who passed away only that morning. The legend may have gone, but she will live on in our hearts and minds.

The King and Queen competition was all about our youth putting their best foot forward in walking the ramp, with oodles of confidence as they made their way ahead and gave a brief intro of themselves and answered several tricky questions

on the spot. Confidence personified as all of them pushed themselves all the way to the coveted title.

Our Salutsav 2022 concluded with the Desi Swags belting out quite a repertoire of numbers. This kept most of the youngsters enthralled as they got the crowd dancing to the beats. True to word, it was a mini wedding reception at best with even one of the judges for the evening joining in with the dancing.

Last but not the least, the moment that we were all waiting for, the joyous declaration of the winners of each of the categories and the release of the brochure and a promise to meeting again the coming year. The BOM, along with the compères and volunteers, truly outdid themselves in putting this event together in a short time. Salvation parish is indeed blessed with the best because it's all His work at display through His servants, and indeed we are glorifying His name through the talents that he has given us.

Heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors and our well-wishers without which this event would definitely not have been possible.

Yohan D'Souza





Distant Learning in Theology

Three of us from the Parish Bible Cell recently completed a Diploma Course in Theology from Vidyajyoti College of Theology's DEPT^h Programme (www.vjdepth.in). Silveria D'Souza, John D'Souza and myself signed for this programme in March 2019, along distance Course administered through the Postal Service and the Online Medium. It was indeed a challenge, yet fruitful experience. This programme is especially tailored for the laity and consists of reading the course material, understanding it, and then answering the relevant questionnaire for each module. We had modules related to Scripture and also other relevant topics like 'Rethinking Conversion In India', 'Popular Religiosity', 'Vatican Council II', 'History of Christianity in India' and other topics. At times we struggled with our Course Material, but by and large we did well. At the end of each term we had exams, and though, at first, we were apprehensive, we excelled. Together we encouraged each other through the two years, and we could also see Jesus our Lord and King helping us through the entire time; making it possible for us to take time out to read, giving us insight to understand the content, and even helping us to attend the physical/online contact classes. We successfully completed the Course in June 2021 within the course timeline.

Travelling to Delhi for the Convocation Ceremony in November 2021, within the Covid scenario was a challenge, and getting leave from work for the same was yet another instance of

Jesus' providence and grace for the three of us. The ceremony was held on the Feast of Christ the King and Archbishop Anil J. Couto from Delhi and Bishop Thomas Dabre from Pune. It was indeed an enriching experience to be present there and listen to both of them, their wisdom and their insights. The warm hospitality of the Vidyajyothi community made us feel at home.

We wish to especially thank Fr. Dr. Rajkumar Joseph SJ, the director of the DEPT^h programme who went to great lengths to shepherd us during the programme, and ensure the success of the Convocation Ceremony and to attend to our needs during our stay. We are touched!

Finally, we also want to thank Fr. John Rumao, who has shepherded the Bible Cell and encouraged us at every step. We also wish to thank you our Parish Community for praying for us during the Christ the King - Holy Hour Service.

We have greatly benefitted from this programme, from understanding Scripture in a more realistic, 3D way. We have grown in spirit because of this Theology Programme, and can indeed echo with DEPT^h, that we need to take Theology to the forefront of Christian Living, towards a mature faith for all.

- *Rozario Custodio Pereira*



A Visit to Dongri Observation Home, by St. Augustine Community

Children are the flowers from heaven God gave us to cherish. Each one is so unique and special in the eyes of God. To celebrate God's unique gift, a group of ten from the St. Augustine Community visited the Dongri Observation Home on 27th November, 2021, and met and interacted with the children there. The visit was organized under the leadership of Fr. Glasten Gonsalves, our Priest in-charge.

There were around 100 kids in the Home. These kids are below 18 years of age and who have come into conflict with the law and are awaiting trial/bail. We were warmly greeted by the children with song and dance and were struck by the cheerful and happy atmosphere around the place. As Christmas was round the corner, we had taken materials with us and we taught them to make Christmas decorations like Santa Caps, Snowflakes, wreaths, bags, candles, masks, etc. out of these. Beautiful items were made by the inmates of the Homes which were then put out for exhibition at St. Peter's Church, Bandra, the proceeds of which would go for their upkeep. This activity would also help them in developing life-supporting skills which can be of use to them as they grow and re-enter the mainstream.

The children are craving for love and attention and we were happy to bring a little sunshine in their lives during the short time we were with them. In return we carried with us their gratitude and appreciation of the abundant blessings in our lives and the desire to share the same with the less fortunate.

As a human, our instinct is to know how the kids in the Home would be or under what circumstances they would be found or how they would react on meeting us. This anxiety and the complexion of our mind was all made up as it was our first time. On the contrary, the moment we arrived the smile of the children was so merry that whatever misgivings we felt just vanished away. The look on their faces was something which gave us a different happiness in our hearts. They greeted us with Hi Didi, Kaise ho Aap? They also put up a dance for us. This warm feeling with the children greeting us made our hearts melt and ached as they are such beautiful children of God.

As the saying goes "A child loved today will spread the love tomorrow". During our visit we all experienced this. A child never fails us; it is up to us how we see them and correct them as God does for us. We all make mistakes, we all have our flaws but yet we are accepted by our parents, friends, family. The same way here the kids are accepted wholeheartedly and kept under care and protection to make them believe they can do better and the world is still a better place.

The Prison Ministry works hard to take Christ's love to those reeling under the weight of crime and guilt and to help renew and reform their lives through rehabilitative measures. We too can be a part of this Ministry....all it needs is a little time and effort on our part which in turn will reap immense benefits in our heart, mind and soul.

~ Rosy Dias

Christmas Get Together 2021

On 28th December we organised a Christmas party for children of Neptune(7) and community (22). This Christmas celebration was arranged in Salvation community centre at 3:30 pm. We began this celebration with a meaningful prayer by Fr. Calistus Fernandes, Parish priest of Our Lady of Salvation Church. After a

short prayer there was a dance by community number 22. Fr. Calistus interacted with the children who came for the program. After that there was a Christmas song presented by community number 7. One of our animators, Angia Fernandes planned and conducted games for the children. Colourful

Christmas cards were prepared by the children. This was followed by a prize distribution ceremony for the winners of the various games. The evening ended with the distribution of Christmas gifts and delicious snacks given to the children by Balmandal.

E-shram Card Camp 2022

Central Government has begun an E Shram card scheme in August 2021 for all people who are daily wage workers and people who work in unorganized sectors belong to the economically backward class to help them financially. This scheme is applicable for those individuals upto 60 years old.



They will also receive approximately 2 lakhs rupees accidental insurance and life insurance. On 22nd March 2022 Salvation community centre organised a camp in its hall at 10:00am to provide E Shram cards for needy and poor people. The Camp was organized by the



Salvation Church CCO involved in organising this camp. Michelle Dabre, a social worker of Centre for Social Action (CSA) addressed people at the camp and provided them information about the benefits of E Shram card and other government policies. Fr. Glasten Gonsalves (CCO incharge) and Mr. Alfred



Nogueira (Board of Management) were present for this camp. This camp has aided in the availability of 50 E Shram cards. This work will continue for the needy in our community.



My Journey and Joy of Receiving Christ

(Experience of an adult Baptized person)

I was a Hindu in love with a Catholic boy. We had decided to get married in the Church. We approached Fr. Leslie to help us with the required documentation to prepare for the Church marriage. During the initial meeting with Fr. Leslie, he asked me if I had any intention of becoming Catholic to which I firmly replied "No". We got married in the Church on 24th Oct, 2018. After the marriage my mother-in-law once expressed keen interest in me converting to Christianity, besides her no one ever spoke to me about it.

I often observed my mother-in-law saying her prayers and reciting the rosary daily. Looking at her praying made me curious to know Christ and Mother Mary. This made me go thru some prayer books and in the due course I also learnt some Prayers. With this my desire to know Christ further increased. Earlier I did perform Puja's, but that was limited to Thursday's and Saturday's. But now I started talking to Jesus every morning and before going to bed. I was talking to Jesus about all my feelings, anxieties, joys & sorrows. And I started feeling His love from within. This experience increased my faith in Jesus and Mary.

At that time I thought of becoming a Catholic, but due to lockdown I had to wait. In the meantime I also conceived. At that time I learnt that in order to baptize my child I would have to go thru a pre baptism course. When I approached Fr. Leslie to enrol for the pre baptism course I also expressed to him my desire to be baptised and become a Catholic. He then told me that I would have to thru the RCIA course in order to know about Christ and to prepare myself to be baptized and be a Catholic.

At that time I felt it was too long a wait since I was very keen in receiving Christ and being baptized. Though I was pregnant I decided to come for the Catechism Class. In the first class that I attended I was anxious, nervous and a bit confused. I had numerous questions within me. But, by the end of the class I had much clarity and all my doubts were cleared. I was much eager and excited to learn and know more about Jesus Christ. I am grateful to Fr.

Leslie for having conducted these classes and most importantly for being patient and understanding all throughout the journey. I encountered Jesus as a loving and Compassionate God. I often thought about His saying: "Let the Children come to me." (Lk 18: 16). Whenever I prayed and talked to Jesus within me I experienced Peace and Calmness. I felt Jesus speaking to me and helping me get thru my problems & difficulties.

I decided to continue coming for the Catechism classes even in the advanced stage of pregnancy. I had heard about expectant mother should be in a happy environment and at peace, read good books and have positive thoughts, because the Child in the womb experiences the same. I was experiencing Christ from within and I could feel my Child experience the same. It is an experience that I cannot put into words. I then spoke to my Parents and other family members who then told me that if I am convinced that Jesus is inviting me I should say "Yes" to him.

After the birth of my Child I requested Fr. Leslie to resume the Catechism class as I was eager to receive Christ at the earliest. I always brought my Child for Mass as I believed that he should experience the love of Christ from Childhood. During mass time looking at others receiving Holy Communion I always felt that I am missing something. When my Child was baptized I experienced the urge of Christ calling me very strongly. Finally after Father was convinced that I was prepared for Baptism with the Cardinal's permission he decided to go ahead to baptize me. Thus on March 20, 2022 I was baptized, confirmed and received Jesus for the first time.

I received Jesus at the age of 28, but my excitement was that of a small Child. I had tears of Joy and an altogether happy feeling within me. The joy I have felt after receiving Christ is something that I can never express in words. It has been the most memorable day of my life, also witnessed by my entire family. The journey and that precious moment is something that I will cherish all my life.

Priyanka Caitan Rodrigues
Aashirwad Building

Salvation Community Yearly Activity June 2021 To March 2022-03-28

- **AWARENESS SESSION ON COVID-19 SAFETY AND VACCINATION:**

We provide up to 18 online awareness sessions conducted for SHG groups. 10 house workers attended a Covid safety training programme which was for 5 days which was organised by CSA and they also received certificates.

- **HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR SHG'S AND HOUSEWORKERS:**

We provide them with sessions on mental health, joint pain causes, laughing therapy and we even provide home remedies for jaundice. We also provide basic acupressure sessions.

- **SHORT TERM COURSES:**

CCO conducts various short term courses like tailoring course, and also beautician course with the aim that women learn a skill for sustainable livelihood. Already in the span of 6 months there are 10 certified beauticians and the course lasted for 2 months. On the other hand tailoring is a 6 months course and all 16 students have successfully completed the course.

- **MONTHLY MEETING:**

These women have their regular monthly savings, which they group deposit in the bank regularly. Their meeting is held every Friday and Saturday. This meeting is held to make them economically stable.

- **CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER**

Christmas celebration programme was organised on 27 December 2021, and it was held at Seva Kendra hall. At this auspicious celebration we were delighted to have Fr. Glasten and Fr. Calistus present. They also enlightened the people with a small community awareness speech. After which, there were a few games held and the winners were given gifts by Fr. Calistus and Fr. Glasten. There were about 30 people present at this celebration and every single person enjoyed the time.

- **WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Our annual women's day celebration was held on the 12th of March 2022 at seva Kendra hall. We had the honour of Fr. Lancy's presence from St. Michael parish, Mahim as the chief guest. Fr. Calistus, Helen ma'am and Alfred sir were also present. Sunita Borkar from CCO welcomed all our chief guests. The chief guest then lit up the lamp to begin with the programme which was then followed by a prayer dance, cultural dance, bollywood dance and street play was about women awareness as per the theme. Fr. Calistus gave a beautiful speech on why we should celebrate women's day. After the speech Fr. Calistus and Fr. Glasten distributed certificates to the women who successfully completed their beautician course followed by snacks distribution.



Spreading Joy Among The Poor & The Needy

We, the Vincentians of the SVP Conference of Our Lady of Salvation, are committed to following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need by not only providing material assistance such as monthly rations, medical assistance, education, etc., but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.

On the occasion of the **World Day of the Poor** celebrated on 14th November 2021, the SVP Conference distributed biryani packets and ice cream to our adopted families as well as families being helped by the church and 36 less privileged persons from the street identified by the youth members of the Conference.

Christmas is the season of joy and of giving, and on 18th December 2021 our members and well wishers contributed generously towards a Christmas hamper consisting of cake, grocery items, coupon from cold storage, sweets, cold drink, floor mat, bedsheet, pressure cooker and cash donated to our

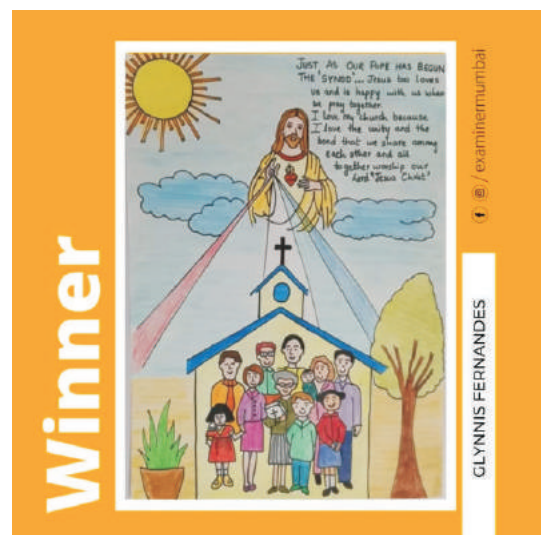


adopted families. Rice packets and sarees donated by anonymous donors were also distributed.

On the occasion of our **Church Feast**, Lunch packets were distributed to our adopted families by the Parish Team.

Celebrating the good occasions with the less privileged brings joy not only to the receiver but also the giver. There's nothing more satisfying than seeing a smiling face around, and that satisfaction exponentially multiplies when we are the reason behind it. The satisfaction in being compassionate and kind is the absolute most anyone can experience.

~ *Natasha Desa*



The Spirit Of The Lord Is Upon Me!

The 7 sacraments are such important events in the life of a good practicing Catholic. Baptism is conferred on us as infants, and parents and god parents act on our behalf. For Confirmation we are mature enough to give our acceptance to continue our catholic faith.

"Confirmation is the sacrament where we receive the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

This journey has been quite an unusual experience as it began last July 2021 in the midst of the covid pandemic and the challenges it posed with lockdowns and restrictions. Online classes were



conducted by our Animators and Priests who have been our guiding light and did not leave any stone unturned in giving us the spiritual guidance and preparing us for the big day. We were lucky to have a two-day virtual retreat by "Jesus, the Real Vine Ministry" that influenced me to make God the epicentre of my life. The New Year brought with it a ray of hope with the pandemic subsiding, lifting of restrictions and finally, attending offline classes.



The day of our Confirmation dawned - 27 Feb 2022. We were very fortunate to have a Mass service graced by Bishop John Rodrigues, auxiliary bishop of Bombay. all the parish Priests, and family members. The entire service was meticulously planned and perfectly rehearsed, all thanks to our priests Fr Glasten and Fr Joel and our animators, lectors, altar servers, choir and communication cell. A few solemn moments of my special day were Renewal of baptismal vows with lighting candles, Presentation of the candidates by our



Parish Priest to the Bishop and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the anointing with Chrism oil. Nourished at the Eucharistic table and strengthened by the Word of God, we were sent forth into the world with the flame of the Holy Spirit burning within our hearts. It is definitely one of the days in my life that I will always cherish.

- Shanaika Fernandes,
Community 6, St. Christopher,
St. Luke Zone

GETTING CREATIVE, GETTING CONSTRUCTIVE

The pandemic began with the commencement of online classes in the month of July. Despite the several technological issues like internet issue, poor audio or camera we still prevailed and participated in an online retreat which helped us to get closer to Jesus. The month of December was truly a very energetic and activity driven month. From making the church crib with other youth to decorating the tree and the church, it was a lesson in the art of planning, organising and co-ordinating events to optimise resources and maximise the outcome. Let's not even begin to describe the camaraderie and fun that was part and parcel of it all. The next activity was SALUTSAV and the array of competitions and events brought forth a myriad of talent and showcased the skills of several confirmands.



The month of February was very special as I received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The insightful and uplifting mass celebrated by Bishop John Rodrigues will always be remembered. The efforts by our parish fathers and our confirmation teachers are truly appreciated.

Baptist Fernandes
Community No 11
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My Joyful Journey

"Do This In Remembrance Of Me." Luke 22:19

I would like to pen down my joyful Journey by thanking Jesus and my parents for bringing me into this world. I remember the day my parents enrolled me for the Catechism class and preparing me for this journey to receive Jesus. As we were going through the pandemic we couldn't attend classes physically, and interact with the teachers and fellow communicants but Mrs Rita my Catechism teacher made sure that we received the link for the Sunday mass and classes. Through the the Google Meet I had a chance to interact with her and my fellow communicants. The creative assignments helped me to gain more insight and understanding of our Lord Jesus.



A big thank you to all the teachers for building us strong in faith day by daily through prayers in God. I would like to thank Fr. Glasten for his constant prayers and all the hardwork invested in preparing us for this special day.

I was apprehensive about my first confession, but Fr Glasten guided through and it helped us make a very good confession. The much awaited day finally arrived when we prepared ourselves to receive Jesus in our hearts.

On the day of my First Holy Communion we assembled in the Parish Hall and celebrated mass

in the church. Walking down the aisle with my parents uplifted my spirit and I felt blessed to have such wonderful parents. Our Catechism teachers very meticulously arranged the various parts of the mass and my friends and I were very attentive all through the mass. The interactive sermon by Fr Leslie Almeida drew me closer to Jesus. I was happy and excited to receive Jesus for the first time along with my other friends. It will be one of the



most memorable experiences of my life. The mass ended with a Vote of Thanks. After mass, mementos were presented to us by the priests, which we will cherish for life. I would like to extend my gratitude towards our parish priest Fr Calistus Fernandes, Fr Glasten Gonsalves for always being there, and guiding us throughout the year. Fr Leslie Almeida for celebrating the mass and all the priests for their constant blessings and





prayers. My special thanks goes to all the Catecists who has inspired and guided us through out this joyful journey of my celebration.

By Elazaro D'Costa

Receiving a gift is always special, and especially when the gift is Jesus himself, it unique, enlightening and memorable.

To know you have a friend with you, wherever you go, forever and for always - is a comforting, encouraging and supporting thought indeed. It was truly gratifying to know that there were so many individuals especially our catechism teachers who dedicated their time, energy and talents into making this celebration perfect for us communicants.

We are truly grateful to our priests, teachers, family and friends for making us feel extremely special on our First Communion Day. I know their prayers were joined with ours as each of them contributed equally in helping us come closer to Jesus. Their love and generosity will always mean so much to us.

We will never forget our big day as each and everyone came to be a part of our celebration.

We hope we can take out into our small worlds a little of what we have learnt through our First Holy Communion and be like a shining light of the Christian faith.

Michelle Doshis

Our Lady Of Salvation Medical Centre

(38 Years of Committed & Curative Service)

Church of Our Lady of Salvation is a religious and charitable Trust. To make you aware, as add-on to the Church's religious, charitable and other community activities, in 1984 it forayed into Medical Services. Since then, from its humble beginnings, Salvation Medical Centre is offering affordable medical assistance to poor and needy, irrespective of caste and creed. Now, since the past 38 years, it is still playing a unique role to offer

curative, remedial and therapeutic service with skilled and professional Doctors for treatment, prescription, medication and dose.

The Centre offers medical relief to any person irrespective of caste or creed. It is open between 9.00 am to 1.00 pm & 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, Monday to Saturday. As for Doctors timings, please note, with prior appointment, you can avail of their service as follows:



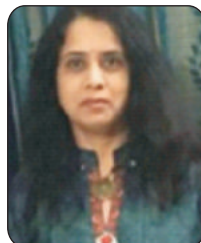
Dr. Ketan
Dentist
9.00 am to 1.00 pm.
(Mon. to Sat.)



Dr. Anirudh
Homeopathy
12.00 noon to 1.00 pm.
(Every Sat.)



Dr. Abhijit
Orthodontist
- By appointment



Dr. Meera
General Practitioner
12.00 noon to 1.00 pm.
(Every Mon.)



Dr. Mitali
Diabetologist
4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
(1st Wed. of every month)



Dr. Belinda
Dermatology
3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
(Every Thurs)



Dr. Mansi
Psychiatrist
12.00 noon to 1.00 pm.
(By appointment)

Our Centre Care is within your means, which also provides, on affordable loan, Medical Aids like Crutches & Walkers, Wheel Chairs, Nebulizers, Bed, Bed Rest & Bed Pans, if readily available. Calling upon you to take advantage of medical facility in Salvation Medical Centre. For appointment call on 24309850 between 9.00 am to 1.00 pm & 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Summary:

The Total of Patients for the year 2021:

- Dentist : 450
- Consultant : 267
- Registration : 330
- General Practitioner : 137

Inter Religious Republic Day Celebration



As we all celebrate Republic Day on January 26 annually with a lot of pride and fervour, it is a day that holds great significance in every Indian's life. It marks the day when India became truly independent and embraced democracy. In other words, it celebrates the day on which our constitution came into effect. On 26 January 1950, almost 3 years post-independence, we became a sovereign, secular, socialist and democratic republic country.

St Michael Community no 22 celebrated Republic Day on 26th January but this time, we had the entire society as a whole participate in this joyous occasion; irrespective of their religion. We had Fr. Calistus join us as the Chief Guest for the event. The national Anthem was sung by everyone and the flag was hoisted in the society. At the end, Fr Calistus was asked to speak a few words and he was delighted to see such a wonderful response from all the people gathered.

It was amazing to see children, youth and all the adults coming together to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Snacks, along with tea and biscuits were then served which were prepared by the ladies and the youth of the community. Having an inter religious meeting at this time of crisis where an epidemic had divided all mankind was just the thing needed to reunite everyone. Never have we ever had an event like this, where all people of the community, regardless of their religion or other differences came together as one and made this event a memorable one. It was indeed a successful event and as Mahatma Gandhi once said "Unity to be real must stand the severest strain without breaking", seeing everyone come together after facing a war like crisis was applaudable.

*-Valerine D'souza
Community No-22*



Celebrating "Love n Unity" in the Community

Hearts full of Love, not just for our spouse, parents, children or sweethearts, but for all the members of St. Augustine Community... On 13th of Feb. our families came together online to spread the message of Love and celebrate the month of St. Valentine.

Suitably titled "Love n Unity Celebration" with a dress code of "50 shades of Red" we sat patiently for the evening of Prayer, Fun and Togetherness to begin, and certainly, we were not disappointed.

We began with a Prayer dedicated to Infant Jesus, as it was the Novena week of the Nashik Feast, followed by reciting prayers on Love and Unity, as well as the prayer for the Synod and our favorite Community Anthem, "St. Augustine Community Song".

It was then time for the Fun to flow. Our compere for the show - Trini D'souza, began with a quick introduction and updates on how well we performed as a Zone at our Parish Fete - bringing in the points with our collective efforts and winning the Silver trophy at Salutsav 2022.

He provided us inputs on St. Valentine and shared trivia about how St. Valentine's Day came about. This was followed with an animated video about St. Valentine, leading to a Valentine quiz, which had a crossword puzzle containing words based on the theme of Love.

Then followed "Stories of Love" in which we had 4 of our community members telling us their personal stories of how they met the Love of their life. It was such a beautiful experience to hear how they fell in Love and grew in Love over the years.

Next we had the sharing of Talent, in which, Jennita Andrew from our community, conducted a tutorial on "Paper Rose Craft: DIY" for all of us. In the end, we crafted beautiful paper roses online. Oh what Joy!!! That was so reminiscent of our Craft period during our school days.

We then moved on to having a Bollywood Hungama quiz and then a video played, which showcased pictures of loving gestures shot with a Loved one, be it our children, grandparents, siblings and even pets. We concluded with the hymn - "Let there be love shared among us" and a Vote of Thanks.

All in the name of Love, we spent an evening together online, as a community, had fun and logged off the call, feeling so content after an enjoyable evening. Thank you St. Valentine for uniting us in Love through your Feast.

- Kim D'souza



The Salvation Bible Cell

Man is constantly thinking, asking questions, solving problems, planning, seeking ideas and answers. But it seems to me that modern man has now outsourced his thinking, questioning, solving of problems and seeking of answers to technology. Asking Google or Alexa seems to be gaining popularity among the techie generation. I am now beginning to wonder if we have more faith in technology rather than in God himself. Since, faith is an experience critically based on a relationship; I can safely say that most of us have a better relationship with our gadgets than with God. Technology is a paradox it has made it possible for man to connect with the world yet feel disconnected within. He is able to multitask and achieve better results in a short amount of time yet he finds himself running out of time. It is overwhelming, it is distracting and we often find ourselves in situations where the values of the secular world are directly challenging the catechesis of the Church. We struggle to identify ourselves as convicted Christians and often passively identify ourselves as conventional Christians. Our struggle is real because our relationship with God is disconnected or noisy at best.

A strong enriching relationship is possible when individuals involved in a relationship understand and accept each other. Similarly, having an enriched faith filled relationship with God requires knowing Him and accepting Him. Although God reveals himself to us in mysterious and sometimes not so mysterious ways through the people, moments in our lives and the sacraments of His Church, He also reveals Himself to us in the scriptures of the Bible, in a very specific way.

The Salvation Bible Cell continues to encourage and strengthen the faithful in their Spiritual journey with various programmes and initiatives with regards to scripture throughout the year.

We started with Wisdom Literature in the Bible. This was an Eight-week programme which we conducted via Zoom Video on Saturdays from January to March 2021. We followed this with 1 session of the Passion Narratives & 3 Sessions of the Resurrections Narratives before and after the Holy Week.

In June we started with Walking with God programme which ended in the first week of December. We had 24 sessions, 2 hours each, studying and understanding the Bible from Genesis to the Early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. This was a very fruitful experience. And since this was conducted online via Zoom we had participants from all over, beside parishioners.

At present we have "The Gospel of John," ongoing Bible study held via Zoom Video Conferencing twice a month on Saturdays since 10th July 2021 at 7 pm.

Besides the above, the Salvation Bible Cell regularly uploads Lectio Divina videos on YouTube (youtube.salvationbiblecell.com) to help viewers pray with scripture based on the Sunday Gospel. We have also been presenting online (www.salvationbiblecell.com) reflections, commentaries with reference to the Gospel of the Day on a daily basis. We hope to develop the content further with more feature elements to enhance the Sharing of God's Word.

On behalf of the Bible Cell members, I would like to congratulate Mr. Rozario Pereira, Ms. Silveria D'Souza and Mr. John D'Souza of the Bible Cell Team for successfully completing a Diploma Course in Theology from Vidyajyoti College of Theology. They have been and continue to be instrumental in actively and passionately spreading the Light of Christ through the various Bible Cell programmes.

In Conclusion, I take this opportunity to say thank you to our Spiritual Director Fr. John Rumao for his constant support, encouragement and guidance. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I appreciate the efforts, support and encouragement that the Bible Cell Team receives from its members and its participants in conducting and executing its programmes / initiatives. We especially thank the people who contribute in presenting our reflections, videos and commentaries on the website and social media. May the good Lord continue to bless your labours in His vineyard.

Alan Menezes
(Bible Cell Team)

Bringing Home The Cross, Bringing Back Our Lost Selves



This Lenten season, each of the communities of our Parish of Our Lady of Salvation, Dadar took home the cross. On Ash Wednesday, every community of the Parish were given Lenten crosses that could be passed among their families in their clusters.



Families would gather at each home on an appointed day and time to pray together. After the Lenten reflection, it would then be passed to the neighboring family, making sure that the cross reached every family.

The prayer at the cross that happened at each home was centered upon reflecting on the wounds of Jesus and the sufferings that he bore for our sins. This was then followed by group reflections on the reading that helped us look deeper and question our own conscience and our 'rights' and 'wrongs'.



We are blessed with a Father that no matter what we do, he isn't ready to give up on us. No matter how much our actions hurt him, he still wants us back home. Why then can we not connect with our true selves? Is it too hard for us to let down our egos and connect with our true identities? The next time we look at the cross let us also know that we are called to be Christ-like and not just Christ admirers.

*~ Crysell D'souza,
St. Augustine Community*



The Only Way to Life



During the season of Lent, the Way of the Cross helps the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It reminds us of the unconditional love God has for us and teaches us a "willingness to suffer for what you love."

The members of the Matthew Zone followed in Christ's footsteps as they trekked along from Daya Nivas to Prabhadevi journeying with Christ along the 14 Stations of the Cross on Sunday, 27th March, 2022.



The theme for the Way of the Cross was "Family" and Reflections were pondered upon and prayers recited in keeping with the theme, making it a truly spiritual experience with the touch of humanity.



Our Parish Priest, Fr Calistus Fernandes led the opening Prayer, while Fr Glasten concluded the same with a prayer and a blessing. Proudly holding the Cross high with candle bearers on either side, the Community members led the procession singing hymns along the bylanes of our Zone.

The journey with the Lord reminds us of Jesus' love, sacrifice, and forgiveness, and drawing near to Him.

~Judith Monteiro &
Nora Vaz



A Community That Prays Together, Stays Together!

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5).

Advent began with the lighting of a candle on the wreath as they jointly have immense significance in our faith. The candle represents hope, love, joy, and peace, and the wreath - **God's infinite love for us**. Our Small Christian communities through various clusters had gatherings over the four Sundays of Advent throughout the parish. The Parishioners were encouraged by all the parish fathers and animators to pass the Advent Wreath to everyone's homes. This small heartfelt gesture was very special as it brought people closer together and also helped us get to know our neighbors better. Owing to the covid protocol, people began living in silos which led to a sense of indifference, but the season of Advent indeed brought light in the darkness. The Advent services and passing of the wreath among neighbors allowed us to rebuild our communities leading up to the joyous Christmas season. This brought us closer together in the new year, to live and reach out to each other as better Christians.

The Lenten season has been a preparation to commemorate the sorrowful death and the glorious resurrection of Jesus at Easter. The purpose of Lent is to fully recognize our brokenness as humans and our need for a Savior. The period of Lent allows us to reflect upon ourselves and openly surrender our hearts

to Jesus. During this time, our Small Christian Communities conducted prayer services and focussed on the Five Wounds of Jesus. The Lenten Cross was passed to every family in our parish along with the Lenten prayer. People were called to share their experiences during the services.

Over the Advent and Lenten Season, we have seen a change in the mindset of people in our parish. The Holy Spirit has guided us and helped us grow and become spiritually fulfilled as a community. We have unknowingly participated in the three Synodal themes by proclaiming the word

of God and reflecting on it, reaching out to those in need with an open mind, and participating during these services in our clusters.

Remmy Nunes





A New Dawn of our Communities with the Risen Christ this Easter

The SCCs are slowly being reinvigorated across our parish. We began our efforts in August 2021, when we conducted our first online meeting. From there on, we have been conducting monthly meetings. Our Lady of Salvation Parish Dadar **has 23 Communities and around 100 clusters.**

Through the efforts of all the heads and animators, we conducted and encouraged parishioners to participate in many activities over the last Nine months. We took flight with online Marian Games in September, had online & offline rosaries in October, brought parishioners forward for the Zonal Christ the King Adoration in November, and finally culminated the year with the Advent Wreath prayer service in December followed by some communities having Christmas parties and reaching out to poor and orphanage visits. We ended the year with a drastic change from initially being a community **that lacks lustre, to now being a more vibrant one.**

With the onset of the new year, we saw good participation during the church feast and games across all zones. During this Lenten season, clusters all across the parish continued

with prayer services and meditation over the five wounds of Jesus. In March we conducted a **Renewal program** for all the church association heads and animators, witnessing more than 80 members. This program was presided by **Bishop Barthol Barretto**, auxiliary bishop of Bombay who sent us out to **rebuild the parish** of Our Lady of Salvation, Dadar keeping the Synodal process in mind.

The church is **slowly rebuilding** itself but we have a long way to go as there are some communities and clusters where we struggle in terms of participation. We do understand that there have been a lot of people who are deeply hurt over the last two years during the pandemic. However, we must **reconcile ourselves as a community, re-unite, speak and help those in need.** This process of rebuilding will require support from all ages, right from children, to youth, the adults, and the senior parishioners too. We strongly urge our parishioners to come forward and participate to make time to help us achieve our mission. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter, **let us uplift ourselves by surrendering our ego, and pride** to the Lord and start loving and caring for those around us.

- Christina Eulalia Pereira

Parish Renewal Programme

Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar, organised a Parish Renewal Seminar, for the SCC Steering Committee members, Parish Council members, SCC Core group Animators, past and present, along with the heads of all the Associations and Cells on 20th March 2022 under the leadership of Auxiliary Bishop Barthol Baretto, the bishop in charge of Small Christian Communities.

The seminar began with the prayer invoking the Holy Spirit to lead all towards love and understanding. This was followed by an ice breaking session to stimulate the members to get to know one another and participate enthusiastically. Bishop Barthol highlighted the experience of St. Francis of Assisi, who heard Jesus on the Cross speak to Him saying "Build my broken Church" We too are called to build the body of Christ, the Church. The Bishop inspired the participants to reflect on how best to fulfill the mission of Christ in rebuilding the church' which is broken, more so now, during the pandemic.

The participants were given questions to discuss in small groups and then collate their answers. Later the participants enjoyed a



delicious fellowship meal followed by an enthusiastic game of Dumb Charade, in groups. After all had relaxed, bonded and refreshed themselves. Bishop Barthol continued with the main topic of the Synodal journey. He invited the participants to follow the three themes of the Synod, to live in COMMUNION, to forgive those who have hurt us and have wronged us, to PARTICIPATE in bringing the people back to church again, to experience the healing power of the Sacraments and to fulfill the MISSION of Christ.

The participants were given a chance to speak and share their joys and pains as members of the church. The group sharing and feedback was interesting and enlightening. The responses of each group would be collated and sent to the Archdiocese of Bombay. There were 85 participants in all. Coming together was itself a big achievement. The enthusiasm and the support of all those present was a booster and will surely bring a meaningful growth in the life of the Parish communities in the future.

Sr. Victoria Gonsalves

Carol Singing by Migrants

On 20th December 2021, we had surprise visitors in our Parish from the outskirts of our country. We were happy to have a few of our migrant brethren all the way from Orissa, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, etc. belonging to the Migrants - Canossa Mahim Unit. They not only just visited us, but joined us in preparation for Christmas - Singing Christmas Carols in their traditional language.

Our very own, Fr. Glasten Gonsalves - Commission Head for Migrants, introduced & welcomed this group to our Parishioners who eagerly waited after mass to witness this unique Carol singing in a language unknown to most of us. We were also happy to have our priests, Fr. Calistus Fernandes, Fr. Leslie Almeida and Fr. John Rumao along with our Parishioners joining in the Carol's - clapping, tapping and swaying to the beats of the drums and the melodious signing of Christmas Carols in Odia language. The Parishioners present enjoyed the Carols, a unique and a different form of Carol singing.

After the Carol singing, the Migrant team met in the Parish Hall for fellowship along with Fr. Glasten, Obrien D'sousa (BOM member) and Christine D'mello Athogiaus (PPC - Secretary).

A very special thanks to Sr. Catherine Gonsalves - Mahim Migrants Unit Head for organising this event, Fr. Glasten Gonsalves for all the love, support and making this a memorable moment for all who witnessed this unique Carol Singing event.

- Alfred Nogueira



Our Church Staff Christmas Party



Our Church staff had a Christmas Party on 31st December 2021 in the Salvation Seva Kendra Hall. This event was planned & organized by our Board of Management and even the immediate family members of the staff were invited. The whole Board of Management along with Fr. John Rumao & Fr. Joel Fernandes were present for the event. Fr. Joel hosted the event. The programme began with a prayer &



bhajan in Hindi by our Parish Priest Fr. Calistus Fernandes. The staff and the family members enjoyed the games & won prizes. While all were enjoying the tasty starters, Fr. John Rumao handed over a Christmas Gifts to each of our staff. Housie was played that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The buffet lunch was then served, followed by an instant dance session where all shook a leg & enjoyed true fellowship. The party ended by a few staff members getting emotional & thanking the BOM members for organizing this Christmas party.

- Staff of Our Lady of Salvation Church





EASTER BLESSING OF THE HOME

All In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Hymn We are Gathering Together

Head Peace be with you.
All And with your spirit.

Head Dear God, we have gathered here today as a family to ask You to bless our home. At this moment Lord we want to feel in a very real way Your presence in our midst. We want this presence of Yours to be felt powerfully by each one of us so that we make You the permanent member of our family. May all our actions, conversations and attitudes towards one another be inspired by You. We want You to stay with us always so that the evil one will have no place in our home.

Reader **A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians:** As the chosen of God then, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Head Let us now sprinkle our home with holy water and bring the new life, new joy and peace of Easter into our family.
The Head of the family sprinkles the various parts of the house. Then coming back to the altar, says

Head Let us now reject all selfishness, pride and every kind of sin. Let us accept and follow Jesus as our Lord, Light and Life. Your response will be: Lord, bless our home and bless our family

1. Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have given us during the past year. We look up to you for protection and care in the days to come. We pray...
 2. Lord, we have failed you and have let each other down many a time. We want your forgiveness and we ask pardon from each other. We pray...
 3. Lord, be our comfort in our sadness; heal us when we are hurt or sick; be by our side when we feel lonely and rejected. We pray...
 4. Lord, be our Father in our family celebrations; be the centre of our joys, our work and our whole life. We pray...
 5. Lord, may we live in peace and mutual helpfulness in our neighbourhood whatever be their religion, or community. We pray...
- Let us now say to our Father, the prayer which Jesus taught us.

All Our Father.....(slowly and meaningfully)

Head Almighty God, loving Father of all, together as a family we ask you to bless our Home so that all our actions, conversations and attitudes towards one another may be inspired by You. Heavenly Father, send the Holy Angel to this house to bless us and keep us free from all harm and danger of sin. As you blessed the houses of Hebrew people by the blood of the lamb, so bless every member of our family and keep us under your kind protection. May we do your will and keep your commandments and receive your peace and blessings in abundance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All There shall be showers of blessings,
(Hymn) This is the promise of love
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Saviour above.
Showers of blessings,
Showers of blessings we need
Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE HOME (In Konkani)

Sogllim: Bapache, Putache ani Povitr Atmeache nanvim. Amen..

(Gaion): Saiba San Juze tum amcho adhar. Za tor tum amcho nimanno suskar. Vaittam vignnantlim amkam nivar. Atam ani mornnachea vellar.

Mukheli: Xanti tumche sover asum.

Sogllim: Ani tumche-i sover asum..

Mukheli: Mogall Deva, ek famil koxi ami sogllim ektthaim zaleanv. Amchea ghoracher axirvad ghal mhone ami tuje lagim magtanv. Ami zannom tum atam amche sover asai. Tum amche familin amche sover sodanch rav. Amchim utram, amcheo kornneo ani amchim chintnam tum uzvaddai. Tum amche sover aslear denvcharak hea gharant kosloch zago aschonam.

Vachpi: **Koloskarank boroilole chittivelem vachop:**

Tumi Devan vinchun kaddlolim, povitr kel'lim ani Tache opurbaiechim: dekhun tumi doiall movall kallzachim, bholim, khaltim, dulob ani vhodd sosnikaiechim monxam zaiat. Dusreacher garannem korunk nimit aslear, tumi ekamekak sosunk zai ani bhogsunk zai. Somian tumkam bhogxileant toxench tumi-i ekamekak bhogsat. Hea sogllea sugunnacho mukutt koso, pritimog tumche modem vosum di, kiteak tache vorvim sogllea sugunnacho sopurnn ekvott zata. Devachem utor hem.

Sogllim: Devacho vhodd upkar.

Mukheli: Povitr udok amchea gharant ximpddaun Paskamchem novem jivit, novem dadosponn ani xanti amche familin haddum ia.

Gharacho mukheli aplea gharachea veg vegllea bhagant povitr udok ximpddaita. Uprant altara mukhar ieta ani hem magnnem korta.

Mukheli: Atam ami sogllem apleponn, gorvixtai ani patok pois korum ia. Punnorjivont Jezuk svikarun Taka amcho Somi, Uzvadd ani Jivit korun tacho pattlav korum ia. Tumcho zabab:

Sogllim: Somia amchea gharacher ani amche familicher tuzo axirvad ghal.

1. Sorginchea Bapa, gelea vorsa tunvem amkam kurpa ani axirvad dilai dekhun ami tuka argam ditanv. Hea-i vorsa tum amchi porva kor ani amkam samball. Amcho zabab.
2. Somia ami chukleanv ani ekamekak tenko diunk nam. Ami tuje sover ani ekameka sover bogsonnem magtanv. Amcho zabab.
3. Somia ami khonti-dukhi astanam tum amkam buzvonn di; zokmi vo piddent astanam tum amche ghai pekoi ani amkam boreponn di; ami eksurim astanam, lok amchi nakarni kortanam tum amchea sangata rav. Amcho zabab.
4. Somia amchea kuttumbi somarombhneant, amchea dadosponnant, amchea vaurant, amchea jivitant tum amche familicho mukheli koso amche sover rav. Amcho zabab.
5. Somia amchea sezarea ani amche somudaient veg-vegllea dhormachea, zatichea, ani prantachea lokam modem ami ekamekak adhar diun xantin jieunk amkam kurpa di. Amcho zabab.

Mukheli: Amchea Soddvonndarachi adnea monant dhorun tannem xikoilem magnnem dhir gheun mhonnum-ia..

Sogllim Amchea Bapa sorginchea.....(sovkas ani chit diun)

Mukheli: Sorginchea Bapa amchea gharacher tuzo axirvad ghal. Amkam bori bolaiki, nirmollponn, lhanvikai, ghottai, kallzachem boreponn, doiallponn, boreponn, favo kor. Patka voir amkam zoitivont kor. Tuje mogall nem pallunk amkam kurpa di. Amkam soglleank iea ghrant ravteleank rakhunk tujea sorginchea dutak pattoi. To amkam samballum ani sorv vaittantlim amkam nivarum. Krista amchea Somia vorvim. Amen.

Sogllim Maie kakutin bhorlele. Rannie sorga sonvsarache.

(Gaion) Sodanch amchea mogan lastole. Sanddum naka Maie mogache. Pav Maie. Io Maie. Ghe amkam tujea gopant.



An Exceptional Easter

Luke 24:2-3 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. We often see Easter as a time given to reflect on our belief in Christ's resurrection. A time, contemplated on hope, that brings the freshness of new beginnings and new life along with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

But what must strike within us is, are we only called to place our hope during this span of time? In lamentations, chapter 3 verse 26 we're all called to have hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

This hope, that we speak of, is given to be present even in times of trouble, when storms are thrusting and shake our confidence. We certainly do fall out, but what is more significant is that we pick ourselves back and walk the journey of faith. For that is how God has carved us. To seek his grace when times are difficult.

Acts chapter 15 verse 11 says, "But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Since we are tethered in and around the joys and sorrows, let's ensure to have Christ as the center, who is our strength in our weaknesses, to be still and know he is God, for he knows the plans he has for our future and make us whole as we place our hope in him.

So, if tomorrow you are weak, raise a toast every moment of your life, being grateful that you have received the fullness of Christ, for you have been made perfect in your weakness. The birds are chirping again and the flowers have bloomed to the newness of life, for your old self is no more as you have been renewed in hope and kindness of Christ.

Peter Fernandes

Comm No 19, St John Zone



Happy Easter

*May the Risen Christ bless you
and your families with all the joys and Happiness.*

**From The Parish Fathers and
The Board of Management**



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